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Via Hand Delivery

Blue Ribbon Commission
U.S. Department of Energy

Dear General Scowcroft and Members of the Commission:

Please accept these brief comments on behalf of the citizens of State House District 81 in Aiken County, South Carolina. During the past year while moving around my District and in Aiken County, I have heard from many community leaders and regular citizens who have concerns that they have asked me to share with the Commission and the Department of Energy. Those comments and messages can be summarized as follows:

1. The DOE must ensure that Yucca Mountain remains in line to be the final destination for the nation's nuclear waste in a vitrified form and the nuclear waste at SRS should not remain there indefinitely.;
2. If Yucca Mountain is no longer an alternative as a final repository for keeping the nation's nuclear waste in vitrified form, then the DOE should support returning the over \$1.0 Billion paid by South Carolinian utility ratepayers over the past few decades for the development of Yucca Mountain.;
3. The DOE should consider using SRS facilities and expertise to help solve the national issue involving Yucca Mountain and disposal of high level nuclear waste.;
4. The DOE must be committed to SRS long term for both clean up and for its use in meeting the future energy needs of the nation. This includes development of an Energy Park at SRS.;
5. The DOE must be committed to the National Lab at SRS just as it is to the other 11 national labs around the nation. This commitment should include increased financial support; new infrastructure; and the support of new missions for research and development at the Lab.

I appreciate your making note of these concerns. Please make this letter part of your official record. If I can provide more information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Young, Jr." in a cursive style.

Tom Young, Jr.